

'From meltdown to mobility, Gabriel's confidence soars after treatment at Five Counties Children's Centre

Before Gabriel Muller came to Five Counties Children's Centre, he would not walk, talk or play with toys. Just being in a crowd could incite a meltdown, his mother Ashley says.

Five years later, he interacts much better with people and can pull on his own boots before walking around on his own.

Gabriel's doctor referred him to Five Counties when he was 18 months old when he would not socialize or make eye contact. The toddler had appointments with a physiotherapist, occupational therapist and a speech language pathologist.

"Before treatment, Gabriel had zero interaction skills," Ashley recalls. "Since receiving therapy, he has been more self-confident and has been more sociable."

Five Counties' services have helped the entire Muller family of Lindsay, she adds.

"The effects of the services we have received have been beyond positive. It has opened our eyes about autism and has taught us everything we need to know about autism and how to better help Gabriel," Ashley says.

"It has also allowed Gabriel's siblings to learn how to interact with Gabriel and to understand how he communicates.

"I always recommend Five Counties to everyone I know because it is a great calm environment and the team of therapists we have seen there have been beyond caring and beyond helpful with Gabriel's needs and the needs of the family."

